



Serving Communities and Families

SFC 2.3 Describe health and safety concerns relating to community and family services. ▢

Index cards with Workplace Practices Motivation-Activity 1

This activity is to be used to motivate students to think about workplace safety of all kinds. The teacher will cut the following scenarios apart to create index cards for this activity. Each card has a workplace practice relating to situations a worker might experience in the counseling, mental health, and community and family services areas. The situations relate to the safety of the employer, employee, or consumer. Students will categorize each scenario as safe or unsafe. No right or wrong answers will be given at this time. These cards could be put on the wall under the headings of safe or unsafe. They could be left there throughout the unit to aid in discussions and moved from one category to the other as needed as the situation is reevaluated. (Note-there are some extra templates to add any other scenarios that would be good examples, or that come up during the unit to be used in assessment. Also, these same cards will be used for activity 12. The correct answers can be found with activity 12.)

1. In the nursing home, a resident calls for help to go to the bathroom. The doctor's orders say the resident is not to walk without assistance. The resident states that he/she is feeling so good today that he/ she would like to walk on his/her own. As the nursing aide, you allow the resident to walk without help, as you stand by and watch.

2. While working at a day care, you conduct a fire drill with the children. You complete your paperwork by documenting time and other necessary items from the drill.

3. As a day care worker, you observe a child who is covered with bruises. After questioning the child about what happened and receiving the answer, "I fell down the steps", you decide not to report it.

4. While working as an instructional aide, you take a group of preschoolers on a field trip. You are short on seats in the van, so you buckle two of the smaller children into one belt

5. You're working as a guidance counselor in a school. Two girls come in to discuss a personal problem one of the students is having at home. Realizing that this is a family issue, you dismiss the friend in order to talk to the girl with the family problem.

6. At your workplace, as co-worker, John has an issue he needs to discuss with his supervisor. He asks you to accompany him to the supervisor's office. You go with him.

7. You are working at the local soup kitchen, when one of the families who routinely come to eat enters. One of the children tells you that they have been sleeping in their car. Since the weather has turned cold, you contact a local shelter to find available beds and make arrangements for them to stay there.

8. You are working at a child care center, and are on duty on the playground, with the preschool age children to supervise. You receive a text message from one of your friends. Since you are just standing around, you go ahead and text your friend back.

9. While you are working at a juvenile detention center, two students get into a fight. You radio in for help, but since it is bound to take a while, you decide to take action by yourself to stop the fight.

10. As an EMT worker on the scene of a car accident, you are in a hurry to help the injured party and neglect to put on your gloves.

11. As an EMT for the local ambulance crew, you just returned from responding to an accident. While in the grocery store, someone who knows you are on the first response team, asks you what happened and who was involved. You answer with "I can't comment on that".

12. While working at a day care center, you are preparing for the spring carnival. You take pictures of the children with your cell phone, and since they turned out so cute, you upload them to your facebook page to show all your friends what you are doing these days.

13. As you are babysitting for the children down the street, the 8 year old, who is a foster child in the home, asks you to cut her hair like yours. Since it would be relatively simple, you go ahead and cut it, because the style would look really cute on her.

14. You are working for the local meal delivery program. You deliver about 20 meals each day. One day, you have car trouble, and the food sits in the hot car for about 2 hours while you call for help. Once you are on the road again, you deliver the meals and apologize for being late.